J-S- Leicester, Tuesday, 15th June
1858

Dear Mr. Garrison,

Wm. May met me at Worcester yesterday, and brought a letter from Wm. Ashby, asking to have the Meeting at Newburyport postponed. The City Govt refuse the use of the Town Hall, & there is (he says) no hall to be had, fit to go into; but in about a month a new Temperance Hall is to be finished, of which they can have the use; & so they want to wait. Now, at this late hour, it is difficult to know what is best to do. However, I immediately wrote 3 letters - 1. to Mr. Ashby, saying that (as far as Newburyport goes) the meeting will be deferred; 2. to Remond, informing him of the fact, and saying that if he can fix upon a good place in his vicinity, for a meeting, he had better arrange to have one, and be sure

and let you know in season to
notify accordingly in the Liberator.
In case the Lib^r is not finally closed
before Thursday morning, it would
be well to see what letters are there
in P. Office, as one from Concord may
arrive then. —

3. I wrote also to Pillsbury (who was
to attend the Newb.^port meeting) to notify
him of the change. & to refer him to Lib^r
to know what would be his work for
next Sunday.

I hope that a meeting will be got at
Danvers, Manchester, or elsewhere in
the South part of the County. If so,
please not only to have the official
notice made to correspond, but

also have a special editorial notice calling attention to the change, and giving the reasons for it. ~~This~~ Such a notice, indeed, it is best to have at any rate, and I had better save you the trouble of writing it, & therefore will enclose one, which you will modify according as there is, or is not, to be a meeting held elsewhere in the County.

I hope you are not feeling the worse to-day for your trip to Athol.

I send you No. X. of Sigma on the Slave Trade. Weather dismal.

Truly Yours S. May Jr

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P.S. — The Noon Mail has brought me a long-expected letter from S. Newmarket; and I enclose a Notice for a Convention there on the 26th & 27th inst. —

Have you any engagement for that day? G. O. Paul writes me — "There is a strong desire expressed by all the friends for Mr. Garrison to be here; if he can come we will endeavour to meet the extra expense."